(c) The scheme provides the opportunity to unemployed youths to get agency for selling unreserved tickets. However, there is no specific quota in the scheme for unemployed youths.

Electrification of New Jalpaiguri railway line

†690.SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to electrify the New Jalpaiguri railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work on this project is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) New Jalpaiguri railway station falls on Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati rail line. Electrification of Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati section has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.821.53 crore. Electrification work has been started in Barauni-Katihar section from January 2009. The entire section is targeted for completion by March, 2012.

Rail accident at unmanned crossing near Moga in Punjab

691. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a school bus with school children travelling therein met with an accident with a rail engine on an unmanned crossing near Moga in Punjab, recently;

(b) if so, the number of children who lost their lives and those seriously injured in the mishap; and

(c) the extent of ex-gratia payment made by the Railways, if any, to the parents of the children killed and injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 02.02.2009 at 08.20 hours, one school van dashed against Diesel Light Engine at Unmanned Level Crossing No. 71-C between Firozeshah-Talwandi stations near Moga on Firozepur Division of Northern Railway. This accident resulted into death of 3 children, grievous injuries to 6 children and simple injuries to 7 children.

(c) As the accident at the unmanned level crossing near Moga has happened due to carelessness of the Bus driver, no ex-gratia has been paid to the parents of those dead and injured children.

Rail-road over/under bridges in Himachal Pradesh

692. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposed rail-road over/under bridges in Himachal Pradesh pending for sanction; and

(b) the time by when these projects are likely to be sanctioned and the details of the funds allocated for these projects?

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